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## Not a single dog breeder in Bengaluru has applied for mandatory registration with animal welfare board

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### Breeder to pay Rs 5,000 as registration fee

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There are thousands of dog breeders in Bengaluru but none of them have registered with Karnataka Animal Welfare Board (KAWB) despite it being mandatory. The dog breeders earn lakhs of rupees but this lucrative business is not regulated; they pay no tax on their earnings.

"We have been trying our best to create awareness on the importance of dog breeders registering with KAWB. There are more than 100 dog breeders in the city but so far we have not received a single application seeking registration," said KAWB additional director (Vigilance and Tech Audit) Dr P Srinivas.

KAWB in February 2020 informed the High Court that it has taken measures to inform the public that those engaged in dog breeding and marketing have to register with it as per the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (Dog Breeding and Market Rules, 2017 and Pet Shops Rules 2018).

As per rule 3 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, no breeder shall carry on or continue any breeding activity or own or house dogs for breeding and sale of dogs and puppies, unless the breeder has obtained a certificate of registration in respect of the establishment being used or intended to be used by him for breeding or housing the dogs for breeding, from the state's animal welfare board.

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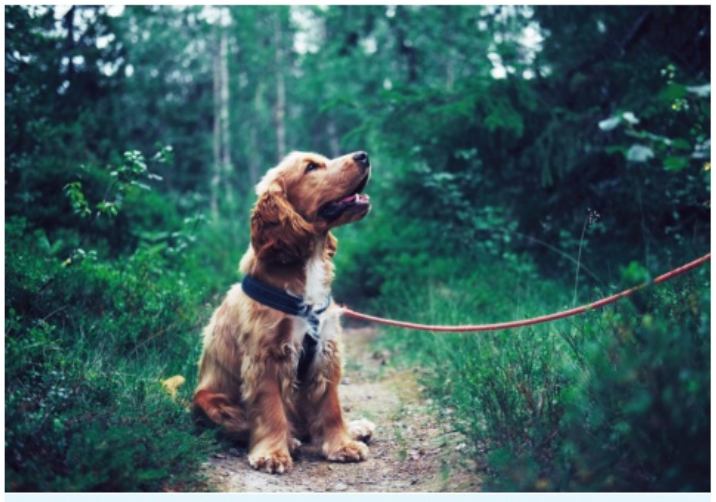

**"Most breeders are known for discarding old dogs. I rescued four breeder-discarded dogs in a week**

— Manjari Chaitanya Colaco, animal activist

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### 01 Checkmate, peeps!

Bangalore Chess Club is an open chess community to join and be a part of! Come, play on the board chess with everyone, banter, trash talk and have fun! Bring your chess sets along.
**Where: Lahe Lahe; When: Sep 11, 10 am–1 pm**
**Tickets: 9886294444**

### 02 All play, no work

For generations "nature play" was a routine part of growing up. But childhood has changed dramatically over the past 30 years, and kids' experience of nature is part of that change. Taking intentional time to de-clutter the mind means being fully present in the moment with your child without distractions, which renews the body and spirit. Junior explorer is a parent & child session curated for 2-5-yr-olds to begin their journey on nature learning.
**Venue: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb**
**When: Sep 11, 10.30 AM – 12.30 PM**
**Registration: 9727582092/ 8861710559**

### 03 Journey called life

Shubham, a School of Performing Arts presents their festival, Yatra 2022, in two chapters, to celebrate their journey of 12 years of learning classical dance and music. This day-long event will feature eminent artistes like Shri Subrata De on the Sitar accompanied by Shri Ravindra Yavagal on the Tabla, Smt. Anjana Moyee Saikia (Sattriya) and Smt. Vandana Supriya Kasaravalli (Odissi). Artistes will present 'Pareshti' (in search of), a production based on the album, Ganga, a journey called life.
**Where: Shankaraa Foundation, Kanakapura Road**
**When: September 18, session 1: 2 pm onwards, session 2: 6:30 pm onwards**

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# He fights for his own way

In the last five years, Syed has participated in 11 ring fights globally, and his coach Hemanth (below) has been a constant support

**17-year-old boy is a passionate practitioner of Muay Thai and has his eyes on winning gold for India**

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Syed Abid Hussain was just short of turning 12 when he stumbled upon videos of Muay Thai and kickboxing martial artiste Buakaw Banchamek. So inspired was he by the Thai artiste, that it pushed him to take up learning Muay Thai, in the Buakaw style of fighting.

Muay Thai, also referred to as Thai boxing, is a well-known combat sport across the globe. It is one of the famous and on-ground fighting martial art styles which is slowly gaining popularity among the youth in India.

At the age of 12, Syed, also known as Kingabidhussain, joined Roar Fitness to learn Muay Thai. Since then, there's been no looking back for him and the now 17-year-old boy eats, sleeps, breathes Muay Thai. In the last five years of his training, he has participated in 11 ring fights across the globe and won many gold and silver medals.

Syed said to BM, "I am a huge fan of Buakaw and I would love to meet him someday. I am sure and confident that I will get a gold medal for India soon. My family and friends are happy about my winning streak; I want to make my career in Muay Thai. However, I fight only in the ring, never on streets," he said.

The gutsy teen is a second PUC student, but his priorities are always Muay Thai first and the rest comes later. Such is his passion that many of his friends and cousins have joined martial art classes after seeing him winning.

Syed recently participated in the Grand Slam World Championship which was organised in Malaysia, where he was one among 7,000 participants in various categories from 90 countries. He represented India and ended up winning a silver medal.

Syed is ranked 1 in his age category in India.

But the journey hasn't been a bed of roses especially as in India, martial arts is still a very niche sport, and sponsorships are hard to come by. Support from society is equally sparse, and for Syed, his coach has been his constant rock.

"Nobody apart from my circle helped me. Many people do not consider this as a sport at all; no encouragement, and no funds to participate in any ring fights. I want people to support this sport and sponsor many poor martial artists, so that we can participate and win gold medals in many international championships, I had to borrow money from my friends for the recent championship in Malaysia and my coach helped me," he added.

> **"Many don't consider this to be a sport; there is no encouragement, no funds** – Syed Abid Hussain

"India has been participating in international championships for 20+ years but has not won a single gold medal. But this is not the end. He will get a gold medal for India. I'm training him hard and I hope he will win in next international championship. This is a bigger support as any other sport in our Country. We need support to participate in more championships," said coach Hemanth Kumar.

# Not a single registered dog breeder?

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As per the law, a breeder means an individual or group of persons who own dogs of specific breeds for breeding and sale alongside pups, and include boarding kennel operators, intermediate handlers and traders.

"Each breeder has to pay Rs 5,000 as registration fee. Till now, no one has registered with us. We are creating awareness among breeders by writing letters to them emphasising the need of registering themselves with the KAWB," said Dr Srinivas.

Every breeder shall keep the establishment used by him for breeding or for housing the dogs to be bred or sold, open for inspection by a person authorised in writing by the animal welfare board.

"Most breeders do not want KAWB inspecting the premises used for housing dogs or breeding as they do not follow the rules pertaining to maintenance of breeding centres," said Dr Srinivas.

As per the second schedule of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal (Dog Breeding and Marketing), the dogs shall at all times be kept in kennels or accommodation suitable in all respects, in terms of construction, size, number of dogs, exercising facilities, proper temperature, lighting, ventilation and cleanliness.

"Most breeders are known for discarding old dogs. I rescued four breeder-discarded dogs in a week. Greedy breeders have no shame. They exploit hapless dogs to produce pups to earn lakhs of rupees. They follow unscientific methods while breeding and take no measures to ensure cleanliness at kennels," said animal activist Manjari Chaitanya Colaco.

Animal welfare officer at Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre (CARE) Aniruddha Ravindra demanded the authorities make registration for dog breeders mandatory. He said the money earned by dog breeders might be used for anti-social activities as they are not maintaining records on the sale of pups and money earned. "There are around 5,000 unauthorised dog breeders in the city; they are earning a lot of money by selling puppies. The need of the hour is to ensure dog breeders register with the Karnataka Animal Welfare Board," said Aniruddha Ravindra.

Bengaluru Urban District SPCA member Arun Prasad said all persons who are involved in the sale of dogs and puppies directly or indirectly, including online trading, must obtain a licence from KAWB.

# Miles to go in enforcing PoP ban

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Ganesha idols being immersed at Halasuru Lake, one of the most common points for idol immersion in city

Despite the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) banned use of Ganesha idols made of Plaster of Paris (PoP) in August 2016. However, six years later, the results are not too encouraging.

According to a data released by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), as on September 4, the number of Ganesha idols immersed was 97,477 and among them, 1,761 are idols made of PoP. The data reveals, Bengaluru South leads the list of idols made of PoP at 1,250 and Dasarahalli Zone in the second place with 208 idols made of PoP and followed by Rajarajeshwari Nagar with 191 idols, and Bommanahalli with 112. Bengaluru East and West Zones, Yelahanka and Mahadevapura Zones reported no immersion of idols made of PoP.

The State Government, the KSPCB and the BBMP authorities organised awareness programmes and issued statements advising people not to use Ganesha idols made of PoP as they would ruin the environment, especially water bodies.

The KSPCB has joined hands with volunteers to promote clay-seed Ganesha idols yet thousands of people used idols made of PoP during the festival.

"If idols made of PoP are still available in the market, it only shows the inefficiency of controlling agencies such as the KSPCB and the BBMP. We have enough awareness programs and clay Ganesha-making workshops run by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and residents for domestic usage but PoP idols are easy to spot," said Nivedita Sunkad of I Care RR Nagar. Social activist and Beautiful Bharat co-founder Odette Katrak wants the authorities to implement the ban on PoP idols effectively.

**According to official data by BBMP, Bengaluru South reported maximum number of PoP idols at 1,250 followed by Dasarahalli at 208**

"I know that we cannot expect the authorities to ensure no PoP Ganesha idols during the festival. It will take some time for them to succeed in eliminating PoP idols.

"I think the authorities should have penalised those who brought such idols for immersion. Imposing a penalty will convey a message to others who are using or want to use idols made of PoP."

Another activist, Friends of Lakes co-founder V Ramprasad, said that KSPCB Chairman would be legally responsible if immersion of those PoP idols causes any damage to lakes. "It is the responsibility of the KSPCB to implement the ban on idols made of PoP effectively," Ramprasad said.

Meanwhile, KSPCB Senior Environment Officer Syed Mohiuddin said that KSPCB took measures to prevent entry of Ganesha idols from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to Bengaluru.

"Earlier the number of PoP idols used or immersed at various locations in the city was more than 10,000. Now, it has come down to a few thousands. I think PoP idols immersed this year are those of unsold idols in the last few years. However, I am confident of ensuring no PoP idols are sold during the festival next year," said Syed Mohiuddin.

# Straying clear of the confusion

## Don't be misled by recent news items on feeding streeties; lawyers say SC's comments misquoted

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It was just another Saturday for Harini Raghavan, an animal welfare worker in Bengaluru, when she was on her routine walks, feeding stray dogs when she was stopped by an elderly gentleman of the same locality.

The gentlemen interrogated Raghavan if she was aware of the latest news item on the Supreme Court suggesting that people who routinely feed stray dogs could be made responsible for their vaccination and also liable to bear the costs if those animals attack people.

"I was taken aback by the interference as I live in a society that is compassionate with animals. I politely asked him to raise any issue he has with the local body or the police and he backed off. The SC has mandated compassion and what we are doing is well within the boundary of the laws made by the apex body," said Raghavan.

After a news item on 'the Supreme Court's observation on stray dogs' started making rounds on Saturday, many dog feeders in the city faced a similar issue. The news item was about a hearing petition by a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and JK Maheshwari on Friday in connection with the stray dogs` menace in Kerala.

If you're harassed for feeding strays, you can seek assistance of cops (file)

While many media reports claimed that Justice Khanna orally observed that people who feed stray dogs could be made responsible for their vaccination and might be made liable to bear the costs if those animals attack people, the lawyers physically present at the court proceeding say that no such suggestion or oral observation was made by the bench of Justices Khanna & Maheshwari.

"No such suggestion or even an oral observation was made by the bench of Justices Khanna and Maheshwari. In fact, the bench stressed that any intervention has to be in accordance with the Animal Birth Control Rules of 2001," said Shreya Paropkari, Advocate, Humane Society International-India, who was present at the proceeding.

According to Paropkari, the news items wrongly quoted the submission of one party as a remark by Justice Khanna. "The false report first appeared on an online news site as a suggestion of the apex court bench. This item was subsequently picked up by other media houses. This is unprofessional and unethical," added Paropkari.

Many lawyers following the matter closely say that the SC has adjourned the matter for hearing and no such order had been dictated or recorded. "The SC only highlighted the concern surrounding stray dogs in India and the need to regular their population. The case in the SC specifically relates to the constitutional validity of the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2001 vis a vis the municipal laws. I've checked the orders and it's on the Supreme Court website; accessible to one and all. There are no such orders," said Alwyn Sebastian, a city-based animal rights lawyer.

"Responsible feeding of dogs is a constitutionally conferred duty. Feeders being harassed on this basis can seek the assistance of the police or file a case for criminal intimidation," added Sebastian.

Ravi Kumar, joint director, Animal Husbandry Department, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, said, "No such order has been passed by the SC. In case any animal feeder is being harassed, they can reach out to us through our helpline number. We will come to their aid."

# Child marriage: 46-year-old husband, parents arrested

Police on Saturday said that they arrested a 46-year-old husband and parents of a 14-year-old girl on charges of child marriage in Yelahanka New Town.

The accused husband has been identified as N Guruprasad, a landlord from Chikkabettahalli.

Police said that Guruprasad's wife had left him years ago and he had no children. After seeing the girl and the plight of her poor family, he approached the parents through an elderly woman.

The parents of the girl are daily wage labourers. Police explained that Guruprasad had lured her parents with money. He managed to convince them to marry their daughter to him for Rs 15,000.

The girl, a school dropout, has been sent to the custody of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and is presently kept in a government shelter for women in Wilson Garden of Bengaluru.

The incident came to light when the girl broke down before a PG facility owner, where she came to work with her aunt.

The girl told him that she had been married to a 46-year-old man at a temple. The owner of the PG then informed the police.

The parents told the police that they have three daughters and poverty forced them to marry their 14-year-old child off to the 46-year-old man.

The police have also launched a hunt for the priest, who conducted the marriage.

-IANS

# 136 Mahadevapura complexes hit by rain

## Water from 130 apartments in this zone was flushed out by Friday with six remaining

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The impact of the rains on Bengaluru has become a subject for intense debate on social media. The latest report from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has shown that 136 apartment complexes were affected in Mahadevapura zone alone (excluding independent houses). If urgent measures are not taken then, these complexes will be prone to more flooding in the years to come, sources told Bangalore Mirror.

The report says that around 27 roads in the Mahadevapura zone were flooded during the recent downpour. Out of them, 17 were in particularly bad shape, affecting traffic. Many cars parked on the roadsides were also flooded and people were struck while trying to wade through the water.

The flooding of apartments was mainly seen at Belathur, Bellandur, Doddakannalli, Doddenakundi, Garudacharpalya, Hoodi, Kadugodi, Marathahalli, Munnekolala, Varthur, Whitefield, Kannamangala, and Sarjapur Road.

Until Friday, water from 130 apartments was flushed out while the process was still on in six apartments, claimed BBMP officials. Apart from apartment complexes, 600 independent houses were also inundated. After pumping out of water, residents are requesting the BBMP to remove the silt, which is a big challenge. BWSSB is being requested to offer water sucking machines to remove rain-mixed sewage water from underground sumps.

### Bommanahalli zone affected too

The Bommanahalli zone also saw severe rain-related problems. Around nine roads in HSR Layout's sixth and seventh sectors were flooded. According to estimates, 140 houses in Bommanahalli were affected. BBMP officials say that the major damage was witnessed in those houses which were next to the rajakaluve in Hongasandra and Begur, Madiwala Lake, Arakere, Hulimavu, Puttenahalli, Chikkaswamy, Ashtalakshmi, and Vishwapriya Layouts. Many lakes overflowed and flooded the areas downstream, an analysis by the BBMP found. Mahadevapura zone, which bore the maximum brunt of the rains, saw 42 lakes being filled up, followed by 30 in Bommanahalli, 22 in RR Nagar, 19 in Yelahanka, six in Dasarahalli, four in the south zone, two in the east, and one in the west.

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BBMP officials say that the only way forward is to clear encroachments in rajakaluves. In the last few days, 34 encroachments (14 in Mahadevapura, nine in Yelahanka, four in Bommanahalli, three in RR Nagar, two in Dasarahalli, and one each in east and west zones) have been removed, and 21,963.82 square feet of land has been freed from encroachments.

### Increase in mosquitoes

Many residents in Mahadevapura zone are complaining of an increase in mosquitoes after rainfall. With no proper electricity, residents are having a tough time. A BBMP official said, "ASHA workers are being sent to the rain affected apartments for creating awareness on vector borne diseases like dengue and chikungunya. We are also setting up health kiosks and spraying insecticides in many areas."

## 'Electrical shock' for homeowners

With flood water now receding in Bengaluru, many residents are making their way back to find out that their dream homes have suffered massive damages.

While there is damaged furniture, electrical items have been impacted the most. The flood waters contain elements like sewage and salts such as calcium, magnesium and sodium, that make the electrical useless.

In order to ensure safety from electrocution in future, residents may have to take the costly route of replacing their entire electrical infrastructure.

According to rough estimates, residents may have to shell out as much as Rs 10-15 lakh to replace electrical infrastructure like digital meters, lift cables, electrical panels, circuits, lighting, cables, and switch boards.

The estimates do not include external systems like diesel gen-sets and solar or UPS inverters. If replacement cost of inverters, diesel gen-sets or batteries are to be considered, then owners might have to spend over Rs 40 to 50 lakh to replace all of it.

Residents may have to also ensure that all water is drained out before taking up electrical repair work. Otherwise, it will lead to electrocution or fire mishaps. Meanwhile, if you continue to use the same infrastructure, they may keep triggering a spark or cause mild shocks due to presence of moisture within.

**— ETOnline**

## Mild tremors in Ramanagar

Mild tremors jolted Ramanagar, the neighbouring district of Bengaluru, on Saturday morning, forcing panic-stricken people to rush out of their houses.

According to local district authorities, three tremors were felt at around 5:30 am.

People across the district, especially in the rain-battered Ramanagar taluk, experienced the jolts. The impact was felt more in Bejjarahallikatte and Padarahalli villages.

District authorities have rushed to the villages and are taking stock of the situation.

**–IANS**

# Unique 'paddy protest' on rod-filled stretch

An important road that connects Hesaraghatta Road via Acharya College Road to Tammenahalli via Andanappa layout is in bad shape.

The stretch is full of exposed iron rods, putting passing vehicles at risk. With local administration failing to act, residents of the area resorted to a unique protest. They sowed paddy on the stretch to raise concerns about the poor road.

Ramesh Gowda, a resident, said, "There are a few big schools on this road, and hundreds of school students pass through here. Once upon a time, this road was made of concrete. However, usage of sub-standard materials wore it out. Today, we can see the residual rods on the road."

Chikke Gowda, another resident, said, "The only option left for us is to protest. Now, with continuous rainfall, the road has turned into a slush field. This slush field is like the one we see in villages where paddy is sown. So, we decided to bring paddy plants and grow them here."

Kumar S, another local, said that many people have been injured because of the rods.

**– Prakash VL**

### Part of Sankey Tank Bund Road caves in

Although Malleswaram was not much affected by flooding after rains, a portion of the Sankey Tank Bund Road caved in on Thursday.

It is a crucial road that connects Malleswaram 18th cross to Bhashyam Circle (Sadashivanagar).

Residents told Banaglore Mirror that the road should be fixed in time, failing which, traffic from the Yeshwanthpur side would also be affected.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials said that they were looking at long-term measures like widening the road from Malleswaram 18th cross to Sadashivanagar Road.

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# Head above water

## Experts suggest infrastructure planning and having clear-cut policy a must to making city resistant to flood

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Is the time ripe for Bengaluru to have a flood policy? The recent rainfall exposed the crumbling infrastructure of the city. Urban experts say the floods are a result of both unplanned infrastructure and natural disasters. Unplanned cities like Bengaluru lack proper stormwater infrastructure and so fall prey to floods due to the vagaries of nature, such as the swelling of rivers or outbursts of water due to excessive rains, experts said. Bengaluru's lakes have lost interconnectivity over the years due to encroachment. There has been a significant loss in open areas, wetlands and vegetation cover.

Dikshu C Kukreja (Managing Principal Architect, CP Kukreja Architects) told Bangalore Mirror, "I don't believe that cities like Chennai, Mumbai and Bengaluru are very well planned cities as over the years they have grown in a haphazard and unplanned manner. The primary reason for flooding in Bengaluru is the absence of robust storm water drainage equipped to handle flash floods that occur due to heavy rainfall. An inadequate drainage design and lack of regular upkeep lead to unforeseen water torrents in the city."

According to Kukreja the modernisation of Bengaluru has altered its natural topography and water run-off patterns due to non-permeable hard surfaces like roads, pavements and plazas etc, compromising groundwater percolation. "Human disturbance of local water bodies such as lakes, ponds and streams are also a major reason for flooding. Building activities and encroachment on river banks have disturbed these water bodies by introducing hard surfaces, which hinder the water seepage. Such actions are one of the significant causes of overflowing rivers during monsoon," Kukreja said.

Srikanth Narasimhan (Founder and General secretary BNP) said they have done a thorough analysis of one of the key storm water drain (SWD) projects in the Bellandur ward connecting four key lakes; Haralur, Kasavanahalli, Kaikondrahalli and Savalkere. "The survey reveals the shoddy construction of SWD which is one of the key reasons for the floods in Bellandur and Mahadevapura. A whopping amount of Rs. 8.5 crore was spent on the construction of the SWD which leads nowhere. In addition, it is not clear why this construction project was taken up and for what purpose. Further, the drain has actually been constructed only in patches rather than covering the whole proposed area. The drain has not been constructed for most of the distance however the money has been spent completely. Needless to say, such imprudent work by the BBMP will damage the control over natural calamities."

So, what should be the way forward? Kukreja said that infrastructure must be planned systematically in a manner where the water is constantly channeled rather than collecting in areas susceptible to choking.

For systematic run-off, the water should be directed through a planned network of storm water drains designed according to regional rainfall patterns in the urban area. Public spaces should have substantial perforations in the form of green spaces and soil cover that allow for water seepage and prevent overflow.

Moreover, parking lots designed in commercial spaces can have perforated paver blocks that allow water to be soaked into the earth. Generally, building roofs catch rainwater which is diverted to drains and contribute to the overflowing water in the streets. Green roofs can solve this problem by absorbing up to 80 percent of the rain that falls onto them.

Monsoon rain water run-offs can be harnessed to conserve this water with the help of reservoirs and bioswales. Such a planned water channel network doesn't just prevent flooding but can also help conserve water for potable use. In case a water body exists within a city fabric, one solution can be to create embankments, which are large walls constructed as an interface between the city and the river. Spillover reservoirs are also constructed as an alternative to take up surplus water during heavy rains.

"The government should consider embankments, imposing building regulations in hazard prone regions, designing flood-resilient housing structures, proper enforcement of bye-laws that allow for enough green and open spaces for water percolation and consider innovative ideas like sponge cities. There could be a water policy or a flood policy that would guide the protection of a city which has a close proximity to a water body, whether it's running through the city or near it. The policy must cater to the provision of spillover areas, creation of embankments and has to cater to the eventual goal of disaster prevention along with water conservation," he added.

**"Building activities and encroachment on river banks have disturbed these water bodies by introducing hard surfaces, which hinder the water seepage**
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# Footpaths in disarray, losses out to play

## Establishments on reopened Chinmaya Mission Hospital Road suffer as BBMP digs up footpaths

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According to the BBMP, it will take at least a month for the footpaths to be restored on Chinmaya Mission Hospital Road

Despite the reopening of Chinmaya Mission Hospital Road (CMH Road) in Indiranagar, shopkeepers and commercial establishments are still looking for relief as footpaths are in disarray. The poor condition of footpaths has reduced business for commercial establishments in the area and residents complain about not being able to step out.

After a gap of about three months, CMH Road was opened for traffic after white-topping work was completed on both sides. Residents say that officials had promised closure of the road for 15 days, but the work was delayed. With the roads reopened, local businesses are faced with customers fearing to cross open drains. To complete drain work, footpaths have been dug up, making it difficult for customers to enter shops in the stretch or for residents to use vehicles.

Sharif, an optometrist, told Bangalore Mirror that around 50 per cent of his customers have been reduced.

"Work went on from the end of July till September. Customers were complaining of not being able to find parking, but now the footpaths have been dug-up. Before the white-topping work, we used to see 8-10 customers, and now it has reduced by half," he said.

A hair treatment centre's manager complained that senior patients are not able to do hopscotch to reach their facility.

"Our customers have been reduced by 70 per cent. Aged patients complain about struggling to cross the drain," said Shohrath, manager at Richfield.

A trust run for disabled children are unable to take out vehicles due to the drain work.

A member of Mary Francis Royan Christ's Charitable Trust, a trust run for disabled children, said that they are unable to take out vehicles due to the drain work.

> **"I haven't been able to take out my car for more than four months. I keep my two-wheeler in an unsafe area and have been relying on it for transport** –Rajakumar, resident

The children are forced to walk to school, they said, adding that one severely disabled child has to be carried.

A few residents in the area complained that they have not been able to take out their four-wheelers in months.

"I haven't been able to take out my vehicle for more than four months. I keep my two-wheeler in an unsafe area and have been relying on it for transport," said Rajakumar, a resident.

With heavy rains lashing the city, residents wonder when the work will be complete.

Speaking to BM, BBMP officials said that footpath restoration will take time.

"Footpath work is in progress and we have already opened the road to traffic. It will take at least a month for the footpath to be restored," said BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects) M Lokesh.

# Mission Greenfield to boost network

## Under this project, Bengaluru will have four highways that will reduce travel time to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai

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The city will soon have four Greenfield highways that will help commuters cut down travel time to Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. Currently, Bengaluru is one of the important traffic corridors in India. It is the common corridor for the Golden Quadrilateral and North-South Corridor. Greenfield connectivity will now link the city to Vijayawada, Mumbai, and Chennai.

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari said, "The first Greenfield highway will connect Bengaluru to Vijayawada (which is on the Chennai-Kolkata corridor) via Kadapa. The proposed cost of this project is pegged at Rs 20,000 crore. Land acquisition process is on."

Currently, vehicles travelling from Bengaluru towards Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, and Kolkata have to travel via either Chittoor-Tirupati or Chennai section, which is a detour.

The second Greenfield highway connects Bengaluru to Mumbai. The original plan was to construct a Greenfield highway between Bengaluru and Pune.

Gadkari said that they are now planning a new alignment from Mumbai-Pune expressway to Pune Ring Road and then to Bengaluru. This entire project is estimated to cost Rs 45,000 crore.

The detailed project report is being prepared, and the average speed permitted would be 100 kmph. The travel time between Bengaluru to Pune is expected to be cut short by five to six hours.

Currently, the Bengaluru-Pune Brownfield highway has extremely high traffic density as it passes via important cities like Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, and Nipani.

The third Greenfield project connecting Bengaluru is to Chennai, for which work has already begun. This 262-kilometre-long highway has reduced the travel distance between the Karnataka and Tamil Nadu capitals by 13 per cent. It is expected to cut travel time on the expressway to two hours from the current six to seven hours. The road will be 90-metre-wide and vehicles may be allowed up to the speed of 120 kmph. Gadkari said that the entire stretch will be access controlled and provide connectivity to 20.9 million people staying in areas like Kolar, Chittoor, Vellore, Kancheepuram, and Chennai.

The fourth Greenfield project for the state is the Surat-Chennai expressway. The project covers a distance of 1,600 kilometres.

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### Littered underpass
**Lingarajapuram**

The underpass beside Banaswadi Railway Station on the Lingarajapuram side is littered with garbage.

### Beware of accidents
**Kengeri Satellite Town**

A trench was dug up about 15 days ago in 80 Feet Ring Road near Bethesda Church in Kengeri Satellite Town. It is causing accidents.

### Unsafe road
**Hegganahalli**

This is the condition of Hegganahalli Main Road towards Neelagiri Thopu.

# New tech check: Using AI for better roads

## Electronic City Township Authority (ELCITA) is using software to identify potholes, make damage reports and get them fixed

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It might shock one to see pothole-free and well-maintained roads in Electronic City Phase I and II while the rest of the city is struggling with potholes. By using a camera-mounted vehicle and artificial intelligence, the Electronic City Township Authority (ELCITA) is tackling the pothole problems promptly.

While the road leading to this area might not be in top shape, once you cross the toll booth after exiting the Electronic City Flyover, you are invited to the lush black roads and unfaded thermoplastic markings. Roads are potholes free and speed humps are built as per the required standards. Footpaths are encroachment free and rails on footpaths guard against footpath parking and driving.

According to ELCITA officials, the success of management lies in timely and regular updates about the problem. For this, ELCITA has tied up with start-up Road Metrics to identify problem areas and provide a solution immediately.

Every 15 days, ELCITA uses a camera-mounted vehicle and runs it across the entire stretch. The drive allows officials to use AI-driven software to analyse the video feed that identifies the severity of road damages under ten categories. The vehicle covers 24.51 km and takes around 24 hours to complete the exercise. The software provides the latitude and longitude of the road to facilitate road repairs promptly.

Using the integrated dashboard, ELCITA officials can analyse the data and issue fixes immediately. The software classifies potholes under ten types of road defects and is graded from levels zero to four. It can classify road defects as alligator crack, vertical crack, horizontal crack, speed breaker, ravelling, rutting, pothole, and manhole. It also provides a detailed report of the area with colour-coded segments to highlight urgent repairs.

The challenge currently is that the software only works during the dry season.

The detailed report is prepared by analysing the data based on the internationally recognised Pavement Condition Index (PCI) standard. It can also read 65 different Indian standard signages and other street assets.

The software identifies the severity of road damages under ten categories

**"We have been able to reduce road damage by stopping such occurrences. We also have a dedicated team to make the appropriate repairs**

– Ravindra Singh, ELCITA CEO

The AI can provide an underlying cause of the road defect as well.

Officials noted that some of the roads are six to seven years old and are built with a particular material. However, ELCITA is also mulling introducing plastic-infused roads for increasing its span.

"We can't say we don't have potholes at all as there are two areas that are constantly getting damaged due to water flowing. By and large, we can maintain the quality of the roads through regular maintenance. We make sure the road quality is maintained and norms are followed. We have absolute transparency in vendor selection. This ensures that parameters like the ideal temperate of the bitumen, thickness of the road, etc is not compromised," said ELCITA CEO, Ravindra Singh.

One of the biggest challenges in road maintenance is water flowing on roads.

"We have been able to reduce, road damage by stopping such occurrences. We also have a dedicated team to make the appropriate repairs," said Singh

To doubly ensure that roads don't get further damaged with rains, ELCITA conducts pre-monsoon checks.

"We check the drains are cleaned to avoid water stagnation and the roads last longer," said Singh. A largely commercial area acquired by IT companies, phases one and two of Electronic City are maintained by an urban local body, ELCITA. ELCITA was borne out of the Electronic City Companies Association (ELCIA) feeling a dire need for good infrastructure under the panchayats.

The ELCITA was formed in 2013 utilising the amendment of the Karnataka Municipality Act to allow for Industrial Townships. ELCITA collects taxes from people and is responsible for maintaining roads, and solid waste management. 30 per cent of taxes collected is given to the panchayats.

## HC orders tourism corp to pay fine

The High Court of Karnataka has ordered the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) to pay the pending bill of Rs 34,85,179 with an interest of 12 per cent to a Class I Contractor and also a fine of Rs 2,00,000 for the delay in clearing the bills.

The contractor completed the building in 2014 and was paid Rs 1,46,56,901 during the course of construction. But the last bill of Rs 34,85,179 was still not paid till he approached the HC in 2018. The HC judgement came on September 3, 2022.

"This is a fit case for levy of exemplary costs for the ill-treatment meted out to the scrupulous citizen who had done the work for the State entities. A message should loudly go to the quarters that be, that the courts would not tolerate indolence on the part of the public bodies when the interest of the citizen is put to peril," the HC said.

The HC said, the KSTDC should be made to pay a cost. "This court is of the considered opinion that the second respondent-Corporation should be saddled with a cost of Rs.2,00,000 payable to the petitioner in addition to interest at a reasonable rate for the delay in making payment in terms of undisputed bills."

In the HC, the KSTDC argued that there was an arbitration clause in the contract and that a writ petition should not be entertained.

– PTI

## POCSO case against boy eloping with girl quashed

The Karnataka High Court has allowed a compromise settlement between the families of two minors who had engaged in a sexual act leading to the boy being charged under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Justice M Nagaprasanna quashed the proceedings pending in a lower court against the boy who was a minor when the complaint was filed in December 2021. The boy and girl, who were classmates, had eloped. After the complaint, they were found together in another district. The boy was charged with rape under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and under Section 5 of the POCSO Act.

While the case is pending in the lower court, the High Court was recently approached for quashing the case. The families of the two youngsters had arrived at a settlement and did not want to pursue the case. The HC noted that in this eventuality the boy would be acquitted eventually.

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# Distance learning? Now may be a good time

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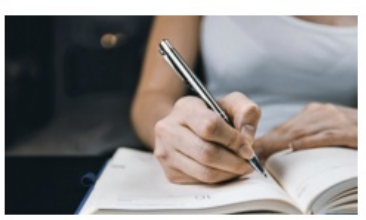
The University Grants Commission (UGC) has announced that distance and online learning degrees or diplomas from recognised institutions will be treated on par with degrees obtained through conventional mode. This is a welcome move for all young professionals and others who choose distance learning and open universities.

One such professional, Vinaya K, 23, currently works as a quality control specialist in a media company in Bengaluru. She recently applied for her master's course at Indira Gandhi National Open University through distance learning. "I am really happy. Even though I want to study in a university and experience the academic life, I have already started a career and I want to work for some time. So, it is a very convenient option."

"I think it is a great decision as it will encourage people to take admissions in open universities and it will especially help the young professionals," she added.

Vinaya further told Bangalore Mirror that distance learning courses are much more flexible and that is why can be juggled with a full-time job. "They send us all the study material and we can sit for the exams at our own convenience. We can even finish the course on our own time, it should just be 2 years minimum and 4 years maximum for a master's degree."



Youngsters say that this would also encourage people to explore more career opportunities. "I started working at 22 so I still think that I have time to explore more career paths. Currently, I am not planning to quit my job but if in the future I decide to pursue a higher education, I will prefer distance learning courses... I want to be independent and not ask for funding from my parents. If I quit my job and go for further studies, then they will have to financially support me again," said Shivangi Gupta, another young professional.

**UGC puts distance and online learning degrees from recognised institutions at par with degrees obtained conventionally**

According to the reports, there has been a significant increase in online education and distance learning education after the Covid-19 pandemic. The new decision will encourage more people to take up these courses in future.

The move can especially be beneficial for women, Shivangi added. Many women who want to upskill after marriage or having a child often do not get time to pursue a conventional degree. "One of my family friends did her master's course through distance learning since she had a family to take care of. But that degree was not recognised anywhere. But now it will help such women in future."

However, a list of programmes was prohibited by the commission to be pursued under ODL and online mode. These programmes include engineering, medical, physiotherapy, and various other programmes.

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### ROUTE NOT TAKEN

The stretch of Tungabhadra to reach the Achyutarama temple is traversed by coracles. Rocks jutting out of the river make it hazardous to travel by boats. The photo is taken from a slowly moving coracle.

The picture was clicked by reader **P Suryanarayana**

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# Life's back to square one on Panathur Main Road

## Recently re-constructed road broken, riddled with potholes after rains; residents question the quality of work done by authorities

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For the residents living near Bellandur Railway Station, the ordeal seems to be far from over. After the recent rains that brought life to a standstill in the city, Panathur Main Road has become extremely damaged -- despite being constructed just two months ago -- and commuting is almost a life risk now.

Athul P Chacko, a commuter, said, "The road was broken for almost a year. When the road was constructed, I was happy but clearly, they have not used good quality material because just after it rained, it was back to square one. It did not even last for six months."

Manoj Shekhar, another resident of the area, complained that taking out vehicles has become a hectic task.

"Because of the condition of the road, even cabs cancel whenever they see this location. There are so many potholes and now, because of the rain, the situation has become worse. Just to cross that road, it takes me 30 minutes because I cannot go beyond a particular speed on this pothole-ridden road as I would end up injuring myself and even spoil my bike. The authorities should take some serious action instead of using materials which are not of good quality."

Road or slush pond? Cars trying to navigate a flooded Panathur Main Road during the recent rains

The residents have also said that whenever there is even little rain, the road becomes extremely muddy and very slippery.

Nibin Robert, another Bengalurean who frequently uses the stretch, said, "The road gets so muddy and slippery that it becomes very difficult to move, especially with two-wheelers.

"I was travelling with my sister and there was so much of mud that I almost slipped. But thankfully we did not injure ourselves. But if people are not careful, they will definitely injure themselves."

A BBMP official said, "We are looking into the matter, and we will start the work soon."

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The only one of its kind in India, the NIMHANS brain museum is a fascinating journey into the human mind. From live neuroanatomy demonstrations to exhibits of 400+brain specimens of various diseases, collected over 40 years, visitors from all walks of life can get insight into the mysteries of the brain and its functions. Added attractions are: Smokers' lungs, pancreas, kidneys, heart, voice box, liver, intestine & human skeletons, electron microscopes & micrographs of nerve cells and organelles. There are animal brains too, and brains which have been riddled with fatal diseases, all of which are preserved in carefully controlled conditions for years.

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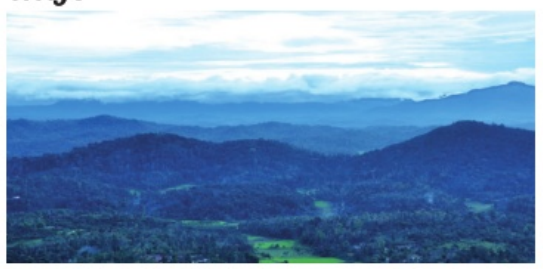
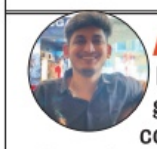
where Bengalureans speak their mind

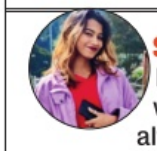
### Which is your favourite weekend getaway from Bengaluru and why?





**Animesh, Student**
I would say of all the weekend gateways I have been to since coming to Bengaluru, Chikmagalur is my favourite as the majestic lush green beauty of that place and the calmness I feel is unparalleled. Just around 5 hours from the city, it's one of the most peaceful places to go to after a hectic week.

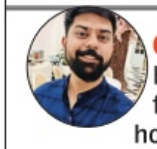
**Rithish S, BM Reader**
As a biker who loves exploring new sites and nature, the outskirts of the city is an undiscovered gem. There are numerous hills and water bodies that are undiscovered and all you need to reach them is take the road less taken.



**Sonia Dutta, Student**
My favourite weekend gateway would be Ooty as the climate is always pleasant with blooming flowers, chirping of birds and not to forget, chocolates too.

**Shilpa Murthy, Teacher**
A childhood memory of a favourite getaway would be Nandi Hills. Driving up there on a Sunday morning is an emotion. 20 years ago and 20 years from now, it will always be a very special place.

**Shantanu Ranjan, BM Reader**
My type of weekend gateway would be Coorg. Bike riding with your group to Coorg surrounded by the luscious Western Ghats. with the spectacular view and camping would be perfect.



**Ganesh Kashap, BM Reader**
Hogenakkal Falls is one of my favourite getaway as it's hardly 3 hours from Bengaluru. It's crowded during weekends but the boat ride, food and the waterfalls make it a worthwhile experience.

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How has the rains changed your life (positively or negatively) in the last few days? If you want to be featured in this section, mail us your answer to this question, in 25 words, with 'Tap The Chatter' in the subject line. Mail us with your name, occupation & a picture at mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com or WhatsApp us on 9591233247

# Time's up for illegal layouts in Mysuru

## MUDA forms task force to control mushrooming illegal construction

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Buyers have been asked to check with MUDA before purchasing a site

After Bengaluru, it is Mysuru's turn to train its guns on illegal layouts. The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) is ready to control the development of illegal layouts in the city.

MUDA has formed a task force to stop unauthorised layout formation. The customers who bought the plots in illegal layouts are facing difficulties.

Whenever a new layout work starts within the MUDA limits, the task force will spot them and verify the documents and issue further notice.

If not, MUDA is not hesitating to stop the work and clear the illegal layouts.

There are four officials in the task force which include the MUDA secretary, SLO, Tahsildar, Executive Engineer, Assistant Executive Engineer, and others. When it finds any activity of illegal construction on any private property, the team will visit the place and verify the documents.

> **"Public must verify the documents related to land and site when they are buying the sites in private layouts**
>
> –Vijay Ramegowda, Mitra Infra Solutions

If an unauthorised layout is constructed and the residents face problems, they will serve the notices to concerned engineers.

Officials identified 40 layouts such under development, and they are issuing notices.

There are more illegal layouts in the Narasimharaja constituency.

MUDA Secretary NC Venkataraju said, "There are four illegal layouts cleared in Sathagalli and Devanur which were constructed without the permission of MUDA. They also decided to issue notices to houses built in illegal layouts. The next course of action will be decided in a meeting."

The team of officials will visit the places where unauthorised construction of layouts is found. He added when it is found illegal, the layouts will be cleared by issuing them notices.

The officials warned the public to be careful while buying the sites in Mysuru. They have to verify the authenticity of the layout by visiting the MUDA office before buying a site. They have to buy the sites which are issueless and legally approved.

Vijay Ramegowda, President of Mitra Infra Solutions, said, "Public must verify the documents related to land and site when they are buying the sites in private layouts. Many people are building layouts without the permission of MUDA. This will create problems for aspirants to buy the sites."

—Prakash VL

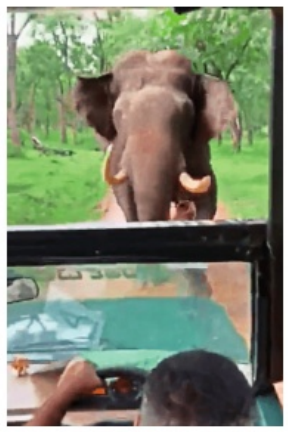
# Tourists have close shave with tusker

Tourists on a jungle safari in Kabini backwaters in Karnataka had a narrow escape when a lone tusker charged at their jeep.

The video has created a social buzz with netizens showering praises at the jeep driver Prakash for displaying exemplary courage by covering a long distance in reverse gear as the elephant charged on.

A raging elephant in an attack mode can be seen running towards the vehicle full of tourists. The driver puts on reverse gear and moves the vehicle backwards.

The trumpeting elephant even touches the vehicle twice. It then disappears into the forest leaving the tourists gasping for breath. The tourists have described it as their lifetime experience and close shave with death as well, forest officials said.



Normally, the wild elephants are used to movement of safari vehicles and tourists. However, they are unpredictable, the officials said.

The drivers are trained and experienced and they can handle any situation deep in the jungle, they stated.

—IANS

# Vishal visits Appu's orphanage

## Actor also holds talks with the staff and management at Shaktidhama

Popular Tamil actor and producer Vishal on Saturday visited the Shaktidhama orphanage run by late Kannada superstar Puneeth Rajkumar's family in Mysuru city of Karnataka.

Vishal also held talks with the staff and management of the orphanage centre.

Shaktidhama, which takes care of 1,500 orphaned children was run by superstar Puneeth. But he never revealed about his philanthropic initiative and it came to light only after his untimely demise.

After Puneeth's death, Vishal had announced that he would take charge of Shaktidhama and look after orphaned children. However,

Puneeth's family maintained that they would continue to take care of the orphanage centre.

After the visit, Vishal said that he would always remain a volunteer of the Shaktidhama and requested Puneeth's family consent.

"Shaktidhama gave a similar experience as a temple. When we visited the temple we could see god. Here, I saw God in every child," he added.

"Children are happy and playful here. Puneeth and Geethamma (Puneeth's elder brother Shiva Rajkumar's wife) have done a great job. I have spoken to Shiva Rajkumar. I am in touch with Puneeth Rajkumar's family," he said.

> **Vishal seeks Puneeth's family's consent to always remain a volunteer of the Shaktidhama, which he likened to a temple**

Vishal also added that he spoke to the orphanage children. "They dance, play and are in a spirited mood. They have a bright future," he said.

"I was not able to visit Shaktidhama as I had to get admitted to the hospital after being injured during a shoot. I took a call to visit Shaktidhama at any cost and I am here with an intention of seeing the children. I am happy that I met them and always want to be a volunteer here," the Tamil actor added.

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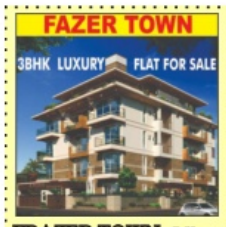


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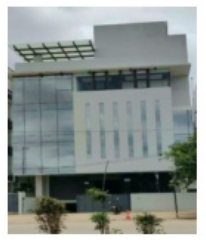

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**I,** PRATHIBHA MAKAM, W/o Pabbati Satya Narayana Raju R/o Flat-No-201, Ssv Nakshatra Apartment, 675, 1st Main, C Block, Aecs Layout, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru - 560037 Karnataka, have changed my name as PRATHIBHA PABBATI, vide affidavit dated 9th Sep 2022, sworn before notary Rajanna S M, Bengaluru

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# 20 dead during idol immersion events

## As many as 14 of these deaths were due to drowning in various parts of Maharashtra; 11 injured in electric shock

**#Mumbai**

At least 20 persons died, 14 of them due to drowning, in different incidents that occurred during the immersion of Ganesh idols in parts of Maharashtra, police said on Saturday. The 10-day Ganesh festival, which had started on August 31, ended on Friday.

In Wardha district, three persons drowned at Sawangi, while another one died in a similar manner at Devli, an official said.

Two persons drowned in a pond in Yavatmal district during the immersion of an idol, he said.

In Ahmednagar district, two persons drowned in separate incidents at Supa and Belvandi, he said, adding that two others died in Jalgaon district of north Maharashtra - one each at Chalisgaon and Jamner.

One person each died at Ghodegaon and Yavat in Pune district, in Dhule district, Lonikand in Satara district and Solapur city, he said. Four persons died in a road accident at Sakkardara area of Nagpur city during Ganesh immersion, he said.In Thane, a 55-year-old woman was killed and four others injured after a tree collapsed on a Ganesh pandal in Kolbad area due to heavy rains. The incident occurred on Friday night, a civic official said.

"A huge tree fell on the pandal while the 'aarti' of Lord Ganesh idol was on as part ahead of its immersion. The woman, Rajashri Walavalkar, was seriously injured in the mishap. She and other injured were rushed to a hospital, where she was declared brought dead," the official said.

Meanwhile, at least 11 persons, including a nine-month-old child, were injured after suffering an electric shock at Panvel in Raigad district during a procession. The incident took place on Friday evening at Wadghar Koliwada after a cable of an electric generator snapped, an official said. "At least 11 persons, who were part of the procession, came in contact with the cable and sustained injuries. The injured include four children," he said. While some of them were rushed to a private hospital, others were taken to a state-run hospital in Panvel, he said, adding that all are responding well to the treatment. – PTI

Ganesh idols being taken on a procession on the final day of immersion in Mumbai on Friday

# ED seizes crores in mobile gaming app fraud; Trinamool slams action

**#Kolkata**

As counting of notes seized by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) from the residence of city-based businessman Nasir Khan and his son Amir Khan in connection with the mobile gaming app fraud continues on Saturday evening, more Trinamool Congress leaders are coming up with their own logic to criticise the central agency action.

According to sources, over Rs 16 crore have been recovered till now from the Garden Reach residence of Amir Khan, who allegedly launched a mobile gaming application named E-Nuggets, which was designed for the purpose of defrauding the public.

Veteran Trinamool leader and three-time Lok Sabha member Saugata Roy claimed the ED raids are meant to deprive the Trinamool Congress from any aid from the business community in the future.

"This is not happening just in case of Trinamool Congress. This happens in any state which is not ruled by the BJP. The idea is to conduct raids and search operations at the premises of businessmen so that they refrain from helping the Trinamool in future. But ultimately such ploys will not work out. In the past, there had been several actions by the central agencies in the state. But nothing happened," Roy said. – IANS

# Moosewala case: Sharpshooter, 2 aides arrested from Nepal border

**#Chandigarh**

In a major breakthrough, Punjab Police in a joint operation with central agencies and Delhi Police on Saturday arrested sharpshooter Deepak Mundi from West Bengal-Nepal border for his alleged involvement in the sensational killing of famed Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala on May 29, said Director General of Police, Gaurav Yadav. Mundi, the sixth and the last absconding sharpshooter involved in the killing, was arrested along with his two associates -- Kapil Pandit and Rajinder -- by the Anti-Gangster Task Force of Punjab Police (AGTF) from near the Nepal border in West Bengal following an intelligence-based operation, the DGP said. Mundi was the shooter in Bolero module, while Kapil and Rajinder provided logistical support. – IANS

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**#London**

With a trumpet fanfare and gun salutes, Charles III was officially proclaimed king at a pomp-filled ceremony on Saturday, at which he pledged to emulate his late mother Queen Elizabeth II and serve for the rest of his life.

A court official wearing a feathered bicorn hat declared Charles "our only lawful and rightful" monarch from the balcony of St James's Palace after a historic Accession Council meeting of senior royals, clergy and government. The centuries-old tradition of the council was televised live for the first time as it officially announced the 73-year-old Charles as monarch after seven decades as heir apparent. "I am deeply aware of this great inheritance and of the duties and heavy responsibilities of sovereignty, which have now passed to me," Charles said in a speech before swearing an oath.

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"In taking up these responsibilities, I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set." Eight trumpeters accompanied the proclamation that was followed by a rousing three cheers for the new king by red-jacketed Coldstream Guards soldiers, doffing their distinctive bearskin hats.

Britain's King Charles III speaks during a meeting of the Accession Council inside St James's Palace in London on Saturday

Ceremonial gun salutes boomed simultaneously across the United Kingdom and the proclamation -- a relic from the past where the new monarch needed to be announced to their subjects -- was also read publicly in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Charles automatically became monarch upon the queen's death aged 96 on Thursday, but the proclamation is the latest step in the setpiece 10-day programme building up to her state funeral. – AFP

**HEALTH TIP:** Caffeine may cause nervousness and jitters, neither of which is good if you're anxious

Research suggests household gardening, particularly vegetable gardening, can improve emotional wellness



## IVF, Decoded

*Dr Pratibha Govindaiah*

**(Consultant in OBG and IVF) of Janya Fertility and Gyne Clinic will address your health-related questions.**

**1 How long should people try to conceive naturally before resorting to IVF?**

IVF and trying naturally are two different things. It also depends on their age. If they are above 35, then they need to take about 6 to 7 months of trying. If there is no pregnancy, then they should consult the doctor and start treatment and it is not straight away an IVF. They need to get themselves evaluated and see what the issue is and then plan the treatment accordingly. As for people less than that age, they can try for a period of one year and if there is no pregnancy then they should consult a doctor and undergo multiple tests like semen test, hormone evaluation and ultrasound etc before starting with smaller treatments like ovulation induction or Intrauterine insemination (IUI). When they have reached the stage of IUI and three attempts of IUI have failed, that is the time when they have to start IVF. However, if they have detected issues like tubal blockage or very low sperm count then earlier treatment would be IVF.

**2 Are all couples eligible for IVF treatment?**

Yes, definitely. All couples are eligible for IVF treatment.

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# DATE NIGHT SPECIALS

**If the rains have you cooped up at home, make the most of your time by cooking up a storm in the kitchen for an intimate meal**

## PULLED LAMB POTLIS

Prep Time: 25 mins
Cooking Time: 20 mins
Serves 3

**INGREDIENTS**

**For pulled lamb mixture**

- Braised Pulled Lamb: 75 gms
- Chopped garlic: 10 gms
- Sautéed onions, carrot, leeks, celery: 25 gms
- Oil: 30 ml
- Chopped Rosemary: 5 gms
- BBQ Sauce: 20 ml
- Salt and pepper: to taste
- Spring roll sheets: 4
- Oil: For frying
- Spring onion whole blanched (only green): 50 gms
- Sauces for garnish: Sriracha, mint chutney, garlic yoghurt
- Microgreens: For garnish

**METHOD**

- Heat oil in a pan. Add the chopped garlic, onion, leeks, celery, carrot, and rosemary. Sweat the vegetables. Add the vegetables to the pulled lamb, add the BBQ sauce. The BBQ sauce adds the smoky bit to the mixture. Mix well with gentle hands and cool down the mixture. Heat oil for frying in a Kadhai. Take a spring roll sheet. Take a heap spoon of the lamb mixture and place on the centre of the sheet. Get all the sides of the sheet together. Stick them together either with egg wash or flour slurry. Tie the spring onion like a knot at the joint. Repeat the procedure for each mixture. Fry them in medium hot oil, so the mixtures get hot inside, and the spring roll sheets are nice golden brown. Plate it along with the chutneys, garnish with micro herbs and serve.

## FLAMING BASIL VODKA PANACOTTA

Prep Time: 2hrs
Cooking Time: 10 mins
Serves 3

**INGREDIENTS**

- Cream: 250ml
- Milk infused with basil: 250ml
- Sugar: 50 gms
- Gelatin: 18 gms
- Vodka: 60ml
- Shredded Basil: 20 gms
- Vanilla essence: 8ml
- Mango cubes: 50 gms
- Mango puree: 25 gms
- Gelatin: 16 gms

**METHOD**

- Pour around 50ml milk in a bowl. Sprinkle half the gelatin powder over milk and stir until combined. Set aside. Stir heavy cream, the remaining milk, half of the basil, sugar together in a saucepan. Set over medium heat and get to a boil. Immediately stir gelatin mixture into the boiling mixture, half the vodka, and stirring until the gelatin is completely dissolved. Cook and stir for a minute. Remove pan off the heat and stir in the vanilla. Strain the mixture. Pour them into ramekins and allow to cool. Refrigerate for a minimum of 4 hours or more. Meanwhile stir in the remaining gelatin in warm water. Add the mango puree and stir it well. Set it in a tray. Add the mango cubes, spread them evenly and refrigerate until set.
- For the plating, demould the Panacotta. Cut the jelly appropriately and place on top of the Panacotta. Decorate the plate with pieces of meringue. Flame the vodka, pour while serving.

## POACHED CHICKEN WITH ASIAN GREENS

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cooking Time: 10 mins
Serves 1

**INGREDIENTS**

- Chicken breast: 1
- Carrot: 50 gms
- Celery: 50 gms
- Bay leaf: 1
- Leeks: 50 gms
- Thyme: 10 gms
- Star anise: 2
- Black peppercorns: 3-4
- Salt: to taste
- Water: For poaching
- Pokchoi: 100 gms
- Chinese cabbage: 100 gms
- Chopped garlic: 20 gms
- Sesame oil: 25 ml
- Light soy: 10 ml

**METHOD**

- In a vessel with water, add leeks, celery, carrot, bay leaf, star anise, peppercorns and some salt. Get the water to a boil. Reduce the flame. Put the chicken breast in the water. Poach it for around 12-13 mins. Take the chicken breast out and strain the poaching liquid and reserve it. Heat a pan, add sesame oil. Once the oil is heated, add chopped garlic sauté as per preference, until brown or just translucent. Add the Pokchoi and chine cabbage. Add seasonings and light soy. Sauté for a minute. For the plating. Place the Asian greens on a plate (coupe plate preferable). Place the chicken on top of the greens. Pour the hot poaching liquor from the sides. Garnish with bell pepper juliennes and coriander sprig.

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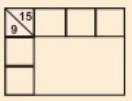
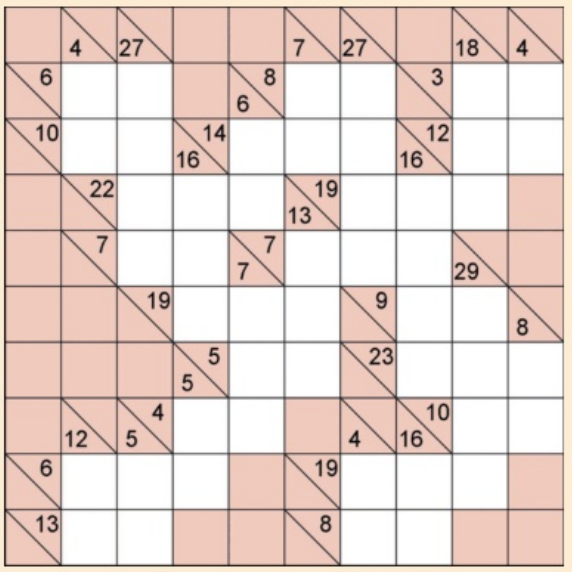
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas




for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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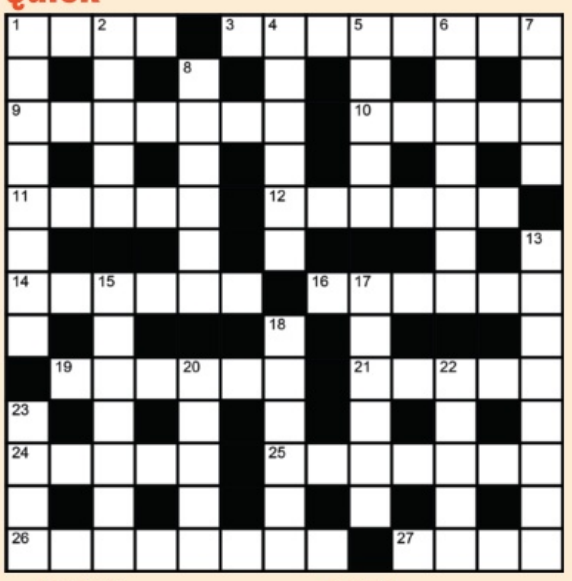


**ACROSS**

1 ___ facto : by that very fact ? (4)
3 Angrily, being warm? (8)
9 A Turkish title of respect (7)
10 Register (5)
11 Stitch again (5)
12 Invest in holy order (6)
14 Displays, ordered arrangements (6)
16 Movement to be played in slow time in western classical music (6)
19 Behind at sea? (6)
21 Brief writings (5)
24 Works by Keats and Tennyson (5)
25 ____ oneself : disclose one's thoughts, secrets, etc. (7)
26 Magnified (8)
27 Not as new (4)

**DOWN**

1 Something sweet and cold for the hot summer day? (3-5)
2 Strong boxes (5)
4 Blue pencil man (6)
5 Held at bay (5)
6 Sweetheart (7)
7 Shrill cry of dog (4)
8 Unidirectional (3,3)
13 Ate or devoured (8)
15 ___ Market: Market In Shivajinagar (7)
17 European river (6)
18 Protect financially (6)
20 An elder of Lorna Doone's kinsmen (5)
22 Undertakings (5)
23 Fencing sword (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: D EQUALS O**

DB RTL OTDCL TGFHB ZLXBJQ OHBR RD ZL JDDE, ZGR BDR RDD JDDE, HBE BDR VGXRL HCC RTL RXFL.

## Linemaro

Looking good, as always

## Mindchow

I am going to think positive, but I know it won't work

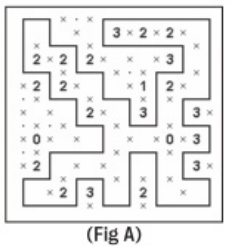
## Joke of the day

A programmer is someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand

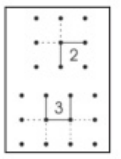
## Loop

### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

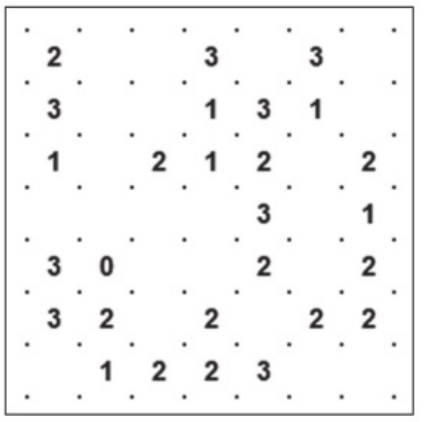


(Fig B) Not Allowed

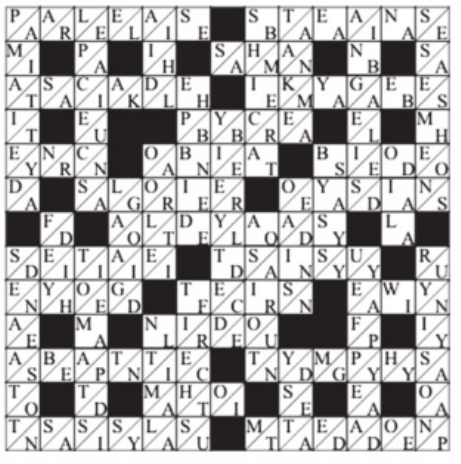
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
| 8 | | | | |
| 9 | | | P | |

**ACROSS**

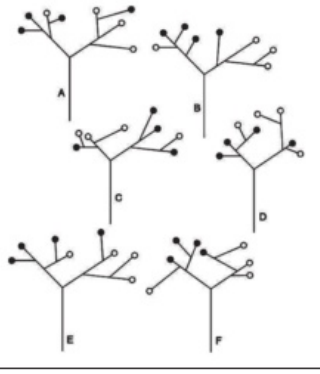
1 R hash; 6 Ulna I;
7 Tours; 8 LP Mac;
9 Shlep

**DOWN**

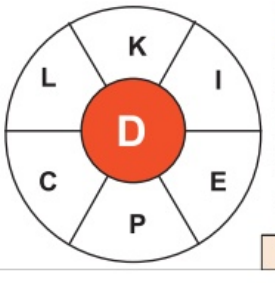
1 CH hit; 2 Alone;
3 Ur Lar; 4 Lumps;
5 PS has

## Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

**11** Average; **13** Good; **15** Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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| | 1 | | 6 | 5 | 4 | | 3 | |
| | 3 | 4 | | | | 2 | 1 | |
| | | 7 | | | | 4 | | |
| | 7 | | | 6 | | | 4 | |
| 3 | | | 7 | | 5 | | | 1 |
| | 2 | | | 1 | | | 8 | |
| | | 3 | | | | 1 | | |
| | 9 | 2 | | | | 3 | 6 | |
| | 5 | | 3 | 8 | 1 | | 2 | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

**Easy** = 9

2 7 8 8

**Medium** = 17

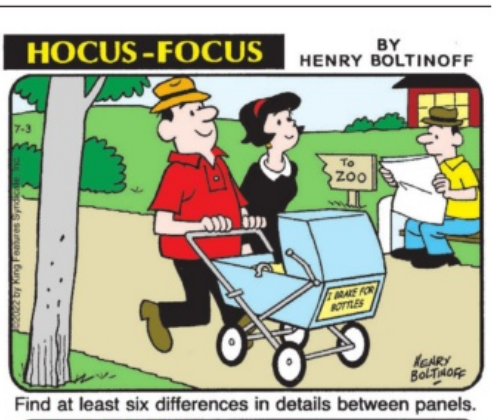
2 3 9 9

**Hard** = 15

5 7 9 6

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF




Find at least six differences in details between panels.

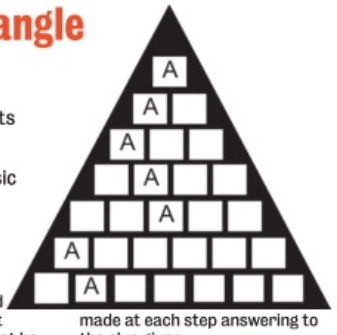
**Differences:** 1. Axle is missing. 2. Collar is different. 3. Hair band is moved. 4. Tree trunk is moved. 5. Bush is smaller. 6. Foot is moved.

## Riddler

Crack the code to find name od three famous football clubs: RQHSUBEDQ, BYLUHFEEB, LYBBQHUQB (Hint: Code is sequential i.e. if you think A = G then it will follow that B = H, C = I, and so on)

## Alpha triangle

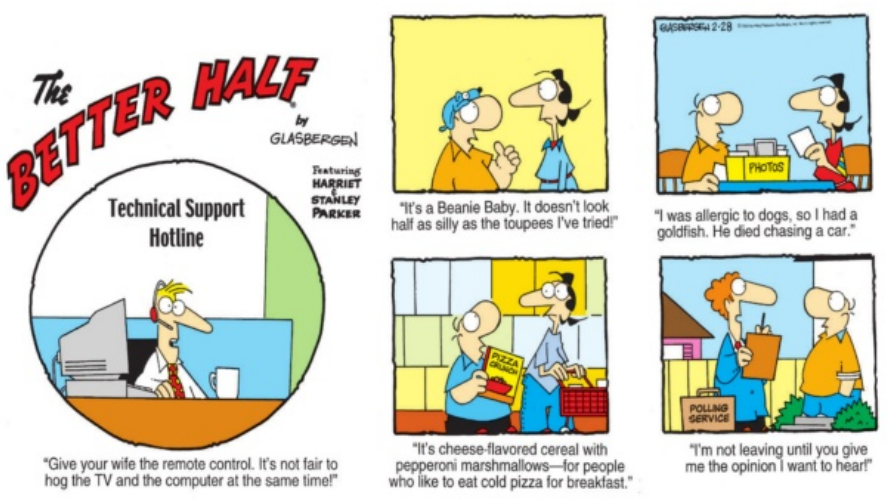
1 Blood group
2 Anno Domini
3 Not to mention
4 Hourglass contents
5 Campus figures
6 Climb upward
7 They move to music




Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.


DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

## COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
Technical Support Hotline
"Give your wife the remote control. It's not fair to hog the TV and the computer at the same time!"
"It's a Beanie Baby. It doesn't look half as silly as the toupees I've tried!"
"I was allergic to dogs, so I had a goldfish. He died chasing a car."
PHOTOS
PIZZA CRUNCH
"It's cheese-flavored cereal with pepperoni marshmallows—for people who like to eat cold pizza for breakfast."
POLLING SERVICE
"I'm not leaving until you give me the opinion I want to hear!"

BABY BLUES
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
GROAN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
OH! I KNOW WHAT IT IS! TOMORROW IS SHOW-N-TELL, AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING!
IT'S MY WORST SUBJECT!
MAYBE I CAN HELP. REACH BETWEEN THE CUSHIONS, AND TELL ME THE FIRST THING YOU FIND.
REALLY?
WELL?
AN OLD, USED SUCKER STICK.
BUT YOU DON'T SAY IT'S AN OLD, USED SUCKER STICK. YOU SAY IT'S BELIEVED TO BE THE REMAINS OF A BEJEWELED DAGGER, WHICH THE PRINCE OF ILLINOIS TRADED TO SPACE ALIENS FOR THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN.
I CAN SAY THAT?
PUBLIC SPEAKING IS LIKE MOM'S CASSEROLES: TEN PERCENT CONTENT, AND NINETY PERCENT FILLER.


the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, PETER PARKER HAS GAINED THAT INSECT'S PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH--
STAN LEE
--AND, LIKE HIS NAMESAKE CAN CLING TO CEILINGS AND WALLS!
HULK WILL SMASH!
HULK WILL SMASH ALL OF YOU!
NOT IF SPIDER-MAN CAN STOP YOU!
WHERE? WHERE IS THE SPIDER MAN?
HULK KNOWS THE SPIDER MAN! HE'S NOT HERE!
MANAGED TO DISTRACT HIM FOR A SECOND.
BUT THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT PROTECTING MY SO-CALLED SECRET IDENTITY!
MJ KNOWS IT! DR. CONNORS IS IN TOO MUCH PAIN TO NOTICE--
AND THE HULK DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING BUT TOTALING STUFF!
SO--MIGHT AS WELL GIVE HIM A FRESH TARGET!
OKAY, JADE-JAWS--LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!
RRRR
ABOMINATION vs. ARACHNID!

## WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You can make new plans in terms of business. Your colleagues may be with you to implement your plans. You may recover stuck money from clients, which may boost liquidity in your business. After late evening, you may have some anxiety, which may affect sound sleep.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today is a good day. In business, you may find new clients, which will be helpful in growth in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In your domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse, otherwise it may create some gaps in your relationship. Job seekers are likely to get a new job. There are chances of promotions.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today you feel more spiritual and may plan to visit some peaceful place. You can donate some amount to charity. People around you may get support from you in terms of finances or moral support. You may enjoy every moment with satisfaction and patience.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may have a dull feeling. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. Your focus may be tested many times. You should try to avoid being scattered towards your goals. It is advised not to invest time into worthless things. Lovebirds are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may seek peace of mind. The moon's blessings may help you focus on yourself. Investments in properties and other assets are advised to be avoided. You may have some happy moments in your domestic life but are advised to avoid arrogance with your spouse. Disputes with your business partner are likely to be resolved.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you have better control over your opponents and hidden enemies. Decisions in legal matters may come in your favour. Your boss may be happy because of your hard work and dedication. You may get new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Singles may find their soulmate.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, with the help of your strong network, you may implement your business plans. You may use your wisdom to gain profits. You may also have harmony in your domestic life. There may be good understanding between you and your spouse.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may face health issues which can make you impatient. You are advised to control your temper. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless items. It may affect your savings. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your destiny is likely to be with you. Today you may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may reward you in terms of success. Your juniors may help you. You are likely to go for short work-related trips. Some good news may come from your sibling.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be happy. You may plan to buy some creative items, which may improve your lifestyle. You may also spend money on your friends and family members. You may plan to make investments in assets. Singles may find a good match. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless items, which may increase your savings. You may be more creative today. Lovebirds are likely to get some support from their family members and friends in terms of marriage.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull and unhappy. You are required to strike a proper balance between expenditure and earnings. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or over working as it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their higher studies. Lovebirds are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics.

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## SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
X+14=49
X=49-14=35

**RIDDLER**
Barcelona, Liverpool, Villareal (A becomes K, B becomes L....etc)

**STRIKE OUT**

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**FAST FIVE**

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**QUOTE UNCODE**
On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good, and not quite all the time.

**QUICK**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
C: it has three white and one black on the left and three black and one white on the right. The rest are the opposite way round

**BULL'S EYE**
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**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
A, AD, And, Sand, Deans, Ascend, Dancers.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
7 + 8 + 2 – 8 = 9
Medium
2 – 3 + 9 + 9 = 17
Hard
7 + 9 – 6 + 5 = 15

**LOOP**

**KAKURO**

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**How Simbu played a 19-year-old**
Actor Silambarasan, aka Simbu, says he took the process of transforming himself into a 19-year-old boy with a distinct look for Vendhu Thanindhadhu Kaadu as a challenge

# MESMERISED

## Mouni about the one actress who left her in awe

Mouni Roy is getting all the attention for her interesting look in her latest release. While she has been getting all the attention for her performance, she opens up about the one performance that left her mesmerised. The actress talks highly about Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Gangubai Kathiawadi that released this year.

She says, "My favourite film in recent times has been Gangubai Kathiawadi. I loved everything about that film…the script, the performances. The one actor I loved the most in the film was Alia Bhatt, she was so good! It was a treat to see her perform on screen."

Ask Mouni, if just like the film, even she sees herself headlining a project soon and she says, "In fact, I have been reading a lot of interesting scripts of late. I am keeping my fingers crossed."

The actress spoke to BT as she walked the red carpet at Filmfare Awards, where she also opened up about her inclination towards becoming a pan-Indian actress, "Yes, isn't it great to be known across all cities, villages and states? From east, west, north to south we have so many stories to tell. Our culture is way too diverse and we have so much to offer. So, it is great to make pan-Indian movies and be known across India."

Mouni also named Deepika Padukone as someone who always surprises with her red carpet appearances. "She nailed her looks at Cannes ," she said. **— Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes**

# When Gayathrie had to die for it

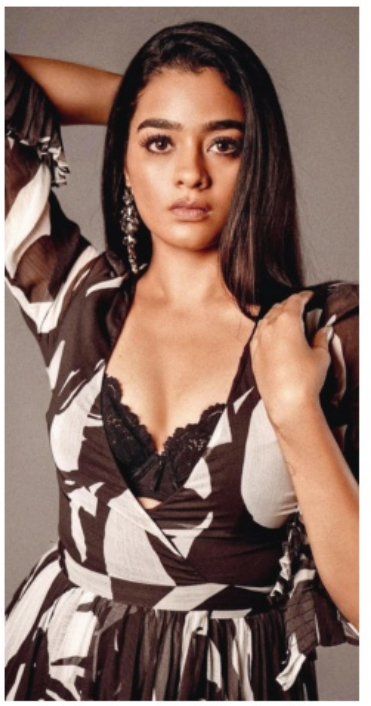
Actress Gayathrie, who played one of the important characters of director Lokesh Kanakaraj's blockbuster 'Vikram', celebrated the film completing 100 days in theatres by sharing an interesting piece of information on her dying scene in the film.

Taking to Instagram, the actress said: "When an actor performs a dying scene in a movie, it is customary to take a shot of them waking up and smiling at the camera. Somewhat like telling the universe that the scene was just acting and that the actor is alive and well.

"While shooting for my scene in 'Vikram' we forgot to take that shot. Pressed for time, we couldn't move the lighting set up either. So, we got innovative and took these. To everybody asking, unga thala enga, Inga paarunga da!"

The actress also shared a couple of pictures, one in which her face is covered and the next in which she is seen standing next to director Lokesh Kanagaraj, sporting a smile.

Actor Kamal Haasan has also reacted with happiness to the news of the film completing a 100-day run in theatres. On Saturday, he shared an audio clip, expressing his gratitude to fans for the film's success. **— IANS**



# Squid Game is game for Emmys history

Hundreds entered, but only one can triumph: South Korea's "Squid Game" will make a play for Emmys history Monday as it aims to become the first foreign-language television show to win top honours for best drama.

The Netflix show -- in which misfits and criminals compete for cash in barbaric and fatal versions of schoolyard games -- is aiming to follow in the footsteps of Oscar-winning movie "Parasite" with success at TV's top prize gala.

It is already the first non-English-language series to earn a best drama series nomination. To convert that into a trophy at the ceremony in Los Angeles, it will need to overcome a previous winner in HBO's "Succession."

"It's pretty hard to go against that HBO juggernaut," said Deadline awards columnist Pete Hammond. "I do think ['Squid Game'] is going to win best actor," said Hammond -- an outcome that would make Lee Jung-jae the category's first winner whose performance was not in English.

Other shows contending for the night's top drama prizes 'Severance' and "Ozark." **—AFP**

# Doesn't quite cut it

**9 SULLU KATHEGALU**
**2.5** RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Manjunath Muniyappa
- **ACTORS** Pramod Shetty, Lakshmi Chandrasekhar, Vinayak Joshi, Sukrutha Wagle, Krishna Hebbale
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 131 minutes

It is a combination of 10 stories, but its title indicates that it is nine. Director Manjunath Muniyappa, who has also bankrolled this movie, deserves appreciation for making an attempt to present a different movie in a unique style. However, it would have been better if he had taken measures to avoid repetitive scenes and lengthy dialogues, especially in the ninth story where a hairdresser has more dialogues than any action or performance.

The director has attempted to narrate stories based on nine themes– Dread, Love, Compassion, Anger, Comedy, Compassion, Disgust, Bravery, and Peace. He tries his best but has failed in making the actors follow the script.

Among the actors, Lakshmi Chandrasekhar, as a concerned wife who wants to participate in a marathon to get money for her husband's treatment, has done a great job.

Vinayak Joshi and Sukrutha Vagle have acted well as visually-challenged persons who happen to travel in a share autorickshaw. Krishna Hebbale, as an affluent person who is on a hunt for a suitable house, and Jayalakshmi Patil, a house-owner who does not want to sell her house, are convincing. Sampath, who acts as an auto rickshaw driver who tries his best to help people, deserves a pat on the back.

The most irritating story is the comedy by Sundar Veena and Sunetra Pandit. Sundar Veena, who acts as an author of a book on how to cross the road and Sunetra Pandit, who acts as his wife who is in a hurry to buy a nightie at a rebate, look incongruous. Even the first story among the nine stories fails miserably to convince the audiences.

The director has wasted the talent of veteran actors Kari Subbu and Srinivas Prabhu. Cinematography by Paramesh CM and editing by Srikanth of Ugram fame are not up to the mark.

This movie is worth a watch if you have patience and don't mind to spend your precious time and hard-earned money.

**—Y Maheswara Reddy**